



Large Volume Pick-Up (LVP) Service

PaintCare

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement paint stewardship programs on behalf of paint manufacturers in states that adopt a paint stewardship law. The primary goal of this program is to make paint recycling more convenient. PaintCare does this through a number of services.

Paint Drop-Off Sites

In states with Paint Stewardship laws, PaintCare's main effort is to set up conveniently located drop-off sites – places where residents and businesses may take their unwanted paint for no charge. Most new drop-off sites are paint retailers. PaintCare also works with many local household hazardous waste programs and transfer stations and arranges for them to serve as PaintCare drop-off sites.

There is no charge to drop off program products at PaintCare sites, but sites set their own limits on the volume they accept per visit (ranging from 5 to 200 gallons). Certain business may only use the program to drop off latex paint, not oil-based paint or solvent-based program products (see next page). To find the drop-off sites near you, please use the site locator at www.paintcare.org or call (855) 724-6809.



Large Volumes

For businesses and households with large volumes of postconsumer paint to recycle, a direct pick-up service may be available in states with a PaintCare Program. Typically large volume means at least 300 gallons, measured by container size (not content). On a case-by-case basis, we may offer to pick up less than 300 gallons if there are no drop-off sites in your area.

Drums and “Bulked Paint” Are Not Accepted

This program is for paint in containers no larger than 5 gallons. If you have leftover paint in drums or any containers larger than 5 gallons, please contact a licensed paint recycling company or hazardous waste transportation company. Leave paint in original cans; do not combine or “bulk” paint from smaller cans into large cans.

Making a Request for a Pick-Up

1. Sort and count your paint: We need to know the number of each container size and the type of products you have, sorted into three categories: (1) latex paint, (2) oil-based paint, (3) other program products (stains, sealers, clear top-coat products, such as varnish and shellac).

2. Fill out the LVP Request Form and send it in:

Fill out a paper or electronic version of the “Large Volume Pick-Up Request Form” and return it to PaintCare by email, fax or regular mail.

Scheduling

After reviewing your form, PaintCare staff will contact you to either arrange a pick-up or inform you of the best place to drop off your paint. If you qualify for a pick-up, you will be put in contact with our licensed transporter to schedule a pick-up. It may be several weeks before your pick-up occurs.

MORE INFORMATION:

(855) 724-6809 or (855) PAINT09
www.paintcare.org or info@paintcare.org

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On the Day of Your Pick-Up

Have your paint sorted into the three categories noted previously and stored in an area that has easy access. If the paint is stored a far distance from where the transporter parks, the path in between should be about four feet wide.

Please plan to have staff available on the day of your pickup to pack the paint containers into the boxes. The transporter may be able to provide some assistance, but we require your staff to be present and provide labor to pack boxes.

Once your paint is properly packed and loaded onto the transporter's truck, you will sign a bill of lading and receive a copy for your records. Your paint will then be taken to an authorized processing facility for further sorting and recycling.

Limits on Businesses

Businesses that generate more than 220 pounds (approximately 25 gallons) of hazardous waste per month may use PaintCare drop-off sites and pick-up service for their water-based program products only. They will not be able to use the Program for their solvent-based or oil-based products.

To have your solvent-based and oil-based program products accepted, a business must certify that it is a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG). A CESQG is a business that generates less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month (not including latex paint). Most small to medium-sized trade painters should qualify. The PaintCare LVP Request Form asks if your business is a CESQG. By responding yes, you are certifying your status.

What About Non-Program Products?

This program does not accept all paints (such as aerosols and automotive finishes) or other hazardous waste. If you have solvents, paint thinners, pesticides, or any other non-program products (see list to right for examples) we recommend that residents contact their local household hazardous waste (HHW) program. Some HHW programs allow CESQG businesses to use their programs for a modest fee. Otherwise, businesses should contact a licensed hazardous waste transportation company.

What Products are Covered?

Architectural paints ("Program Products") are interior and exterior architectural coatings sold in containers of 5 gallons or less. However, they do not include aerosol products (spray cans), industrial maintenance (IM), or specialty coatings. Here are examples:

PROGRAM PRODUCTS

These products have fees and are accepted at drop-off sites:

- Interior and exterior architectural paints: latex, acrylic, water-based, alkyd, oil-based, enamel (including textured coatings)
- Deck coatings, floor paints (including elastomeric)
- Primers, sealers, undercoaters
- Stains
- Shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes (single component)
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (not tar or bitumen-based)
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Field and lawn paints

NON-PROGRAM PRODUCTS

These products do not have fees and are not accepted at drop-off sites:

- Paint thinners, mineral spirits, solvents
- Aerosol paints (spray cans)
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Caulking compounds, epoxies, glues, adhesives
- Paint additives, colorants, tints, resins
- Wood preservatives (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Tar and bitumen-based products
- 2-component coatings
- Deck cleaners
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coatings
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) (shop application) paints and finishes

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